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| TITLE:        | HEARING AID DEVICE WITH A VOLTAGE SOURCE |            |          |

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application.

### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of reference AL was discussed in the Specification. This reference was also identified in an action during the prosecution of the priority document. Reference AA is a U.S. patent that corresponds to reference AA.

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| <b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>  |    |                 |            |                              |       |                          |                               |    |
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|   | AA | 6,041,128       | 03/21/2000 | Narisawa et al               |       |                          |                               |    |
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|   |    |                 |            |                              |       |                          | Yes                           | No |
|   | AL | 195 02 994      | 05/07/1998 | Germany                      |       |                          | See AA                        |    |
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